comfort, First Class Coaches are being replaced with II A.C. Sleepers.

(vii) Replacement of 24 Volt battery system with End-on and Mid-on Generation system.

(viii) Rings below the lower berths provided to enable the passengers to secure their boxes, suit cases, etc, using their own chains and padlocks.

. (ix) To improve ventilation, the number - of fans in each bay/compartment have been increased from 2 to 3. To provide the increased number of fans, the generating capacity has been increased from 3 KW to 4.5 KW.

(x) In addition to provision of Basic amenlies at different stations both regular/flag and halt stations, Railways are also providing some additional amenities like Waiting Rooms, Retiring Rooms, Refreshment Rooms, Platform Shelter, etc. in a phased manner keeping in view the volume of traffic dealt with at the Station subject to availability of funds.

Restoration of peak speed of trains

122. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restore the peak speed of most of superfast mail and express trains, hauled by electric locos, from November this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

दिल्ली और कानपुर के बीच ई० एम० यू० गाड़ियां

123. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली और कानपुर के बीच ई० एम० यू० गाड़ियां चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इन गाड़ियों के कब तक प्रारम्भ कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली-कानपुर जैसे खण्डों पर बिजली गाड़ी सेट टाइप के परिचालन परीक्षण करने का प्रस्ताव है। इस समय कोई समय सीमा नहीं बतायी जा सकती है।

इलाहाबाद जंक्शन पर खान-पान के स्टाल

124. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद जंक्शन पर प्लेट-फार्मों पर खान-पान के स्टालों की कुल संख्या क्या है ;

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितने और प्लेटफार्मों की संख्या बढ़ाई गयी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार प्लेटफार्मों की बढ़ी हुई संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए स्टालों की संख्या में भी वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) 11.

(ख) एक द्वीप प्लेटफार्म।

(ग) जी नहीं। इलाहाबाद के प्लेट-फार्मों पर अत्यधिक भीड़ रहती है और

खान-पान सेवाओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए संयोजन नये प्लेटफार्म पर किया जायेगा ।

Navodaya Vidyalayas in States

125. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: -Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas which have opened so far alongwith their locations;

(b) when this scheme was launch ed and what is the number of such vidyalayas which are actually func-tioning;

(c) whether Government have re-cefived any complaints from various States, if so, what the details there-of; and

(d) whether Operation Blackboard suffered any shortage of funds due to this scheme; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-TION AND CULTURE IN THE MI-NISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Navodaya Vi-dyalaya Scheme was launched during 1985-86. 209 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established and are func-oning till date. A Statement show-ing the State-wise number of Navo-daya Vidyalayas and their locations is annexed. *[See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 3].

(c) In view of the fact that the Na-vodaya Vidyalayas Scheme at its formative stage, the Vidyalayas are mostly located in buildings offered by the State/UT Governments temporarily and that the teachers are being recruited initially on deputation basis only, certain difficulties were brought to the notice of the Navodaya Vidya-laya Samiti. All possible remedial measures are being taken to remove such difficulties.

(d) No. Sir.

Laying and electrification of Rail Lines

126. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RA-ILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the kilometrage of railway lines laid by the Railways during 1987-88;

(b) what is the kilometrage of railway lines that has been electrified in different sections in each of the railway zone in the country during 1987-88; and

(c) what are the immediate and future plans of Railways in this re-gard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) 188 Km.

(b) 681 Km. of railway lines comprising of the following sections have been energised during 1987-88: —

Railway	Section	Km
Central	Babina-Bareth	160
Southern	Royapuram-Korakkupet	2
South	Dornakal-Ramgundam	188
Central	Krishna Canal-Guntur	26
South	Champa-Korba	38
Eastern	Tupkadih-Talgaria	33
Western	Ghat-ka-Varana-Vikram Garh Alat	234
	TOTAL :	681